

# make it mini

Throw the rules out the window and make a project for someone you adore. BY NICOLE NOWOSAD

I like to think of mini albums like little time capsules. They're a great place to capture different events or moments and honour those memories in one pretty package. As a scrapper who normally only uses a small portion of the photos I take, a bitty book is a great place to include some of my extra snapshots. Of course, it's also an ideal place to highlight special photos, even if they have been used before. The best part about minis is they're completely uninhibited. There are no rules to follow! With just a few basic supplies, you can make a priceless gift for someone special. Create one for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day.



✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Think outside the "box" and create a shaped album.**


Dies, whether metal or digital, are an excellent go-to when you want to simplify the process.

✓ **MAKE IT TIP: Make those heart pages skip a beat** by alternating between solid and holed scalloped edges. The mixture makes the book more fun.


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**supplies** CARDSTOCK, VELLUM: American Crafts; PATTERNED PAPER, BUTTONS, CHIPBOARD, CLIPS, DIE CUT SHAPES, STICKERS: Pink Paislee; GLITTER: Martha Stewart Crafts; ENAMEL DOTS: Doodlebug Design; PUNCH: Fiskars; ELECTRONIC CUT FILE: JustNick; ADHESIVE: Ranger Industries, Scrapbook Adhesives by 3L; OTHER: Typewriter




 **MAKE IT TIP: Use common items throughout your album.** Repeating accents (clips, journaling cards, etc.) and even the repeated use of photo frames will create a unified look.




 **MAKE IT TIP: When pulling photos together for your album,** don't feel restricted to one period of time. Dig deep into your stash and use what you have. Create unity by converting all images to black and white before printing.



 **MAKE IT TIP: Use 6 x 6 paper pads for the pages in your album!** Since the prints are often sized down and the patterns and colours coordinate, it's an easy solution that eliminates the guesswork.



 **MAKE IT TIP: Typewriters make journaling in minis a snap.** You can even type directly on vellum for an interesting overlay effect!

See more of Nicoles's work by visiting her blog at [justnicks.blogspot.com](http://justnicks.blogspot.com)